

# Department of Education Response to COVID-19

### **MARCH**

Middle TN tornados 1st building closures



1st COVID-19 case in TN



1st set of COVID-19 guidance released





**16** Encouraged closures thru March with Gov. Lee

Initial nutrition waivers secured



**19** TN General Assembly waived testing & accountability by passing Public Chapter 652



**20** SchoolMealFinder.hoonuit.com goes LIVE



24 Recommended closures thru April 24 with Gov. Lee



**25** Announced PBS partnership



**30** Announced ReadyRosie early literacy app with GELF



### **APRIL**

- U.S.ED waiver approval for testing & accountability; more nutrition waivers approved
- Launched district leader & public surveys on CARES funding



PBS lessons began airing



SBE Emergency called meeting - approved several COVID-19 emergency rules



**15** STE(A)M At Home Learning Resources launched with TSIN



Encouraged school closures thru end of year; announced Child Wellbeing Task Force to be convened



**24** Free PD for TN Principals with UTK



27 Announced \$1M IDEA Technology grant



- 13 Closure toolkit page reaches 250,000 views
- **15** Free PD for TN teachers with Trevecca



**19** Celebrated graduation



**21** 8,000+ Tennessee educators registered for free Trevecca training on digital learning and teaching



22 \$260M CARES ESSER award notification

**27** TN Teacher Job Connection launched



28 GEER award notification



**29** SBE Quarterly Meeting – approved districts' COVID-19 "checkbox" waivers





PBS summer partnership announced



\$5M additional grants for students with disabilities



Announced innovative assessment resources for 2020-21



Summer STE(A)M Resources Hub launched



10 Senate HELP Committee testimony, "COVID-19: Going Back to School Safely"



**12** \$1M IDEA innovation grant



**15** 1st 5 reopening toolkits published



550 principals completed UTK training



**16** 5 more reopening toolkits published

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Conference call on child wellbeing with Gov. Lee and First Lady Melania Trump



18 Announced members & planned deliverables of Child Wellbeing Task Force



5 more reopening toolkits published



## Response to COVID-19 (continued)

### JUNE

Over 15,000 educators participated in free Trevecca educator training on digital learning and teaching



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**22** SBE Emergency called meeting - approved CLP rule and policy



29 CLP template and rubric released



30 Perkins V award announced





100% CARES ESSER funds for districts awarded

### JULY

TN Education Job Board launched



Commissioner Schwinn visited White House to discuss school reopening with President Trump



Gov. Lee announced \$50M, \$11M CARES funding for K-12



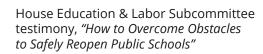
**15** \$1M Special Education Additional **Endorsement Grant launched** 



20 Free early literacy curriculum released



23 Child Wellbeing COVID-19 Impact Report released





24 TN Substitute Teacher Jobs Connection launched

SBE Quarterly meeting - approved

First TDH COVID-19 guidance for



various COVID-19 district waivers **28** Gov. Lee announced approach



to reopening schools



**30** 2,500+ educators attend virtual CTE conference

K-12 schools released



\$20M U.S.ED Rethinking K-12 Grant award announced



### **AUGUST**

\$2M Grow Your Own Grant announced 3



Best for All Central launched



\$15M WiFi/MiFi Connectivity Grant announced

Trevecca parent tool launched



10 Innovative Assessment Platform goes LIVE

11 Child wellbeing checks toolkit released



1st School dashboard announced (operating models, building closures)



17 SBE Emergency called meeting – approved additional COVID-19 district waivers

### **SEPTEMBER**







Comprehensive State Literacy Development grant award



PBS fall partnership announced



100% TN districts have started new year



Over 20,000 teachers participated in free Trevecca educator training on digital learning and teaching



COVID-19 District Information Dashboard launched (COVID-19 cases included)



17 2019-20 Graduation rate announced



**18** All 265 CLPs fully approved



21 SBE emergency called meeting approved COVID-19 waivers and edTPA flexibility for EPPs



22 House Education Summer Study Session



